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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a one-month extension of time extending to April 29, 2006, the period for response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005. Please charge the fee of \$120 for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. The responsive paper(s) are attached.

Please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

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